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FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM
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PLS PASS FOLLOWING FROM ASST. SECRETARY SCHAUFFLE TO SECRETARY
OF STATE KISSINGER AND OTHER OFFICERS AS SHOWN:

QUOTE:

FOR THE SECRETARY, SISCO, MYLAND AND MULLCANY FROM SCHAUFFLE
DURING MY CONVERSATION WITH MOBUTU HORNING OF DEC 27 FOR MIN
BULA, ON BASIS HIS PARIS TALKS, RAISED QUESTION OF ARMED HELI-
COPTERS AND 40 ARMORED CARS FROM FRENCH AS WELL AS FRENCH-
RECRUITED MERCENARIES. (I PRESUMED HE MEANT MERCENARIES OTHER THAN
SMALL GROUP INTENDED FOR SAVINNI'S FORCES.) HE SAID HIS UNDER-
STANDING WAS THAT USG WOULD PROVIDE FINANCING FOR MERCENARIES AND
FINANCING AND TRANSPORT FOR ARMORED CARS WHICH HAVE BEEN DIVERTED
FROM OTHER BUYER'S AND WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLY UNTIL DEC 31.
AFTER BRINGING MOBUTU UP TO DATE ON HELICOPTERS, I SAID I WAS
UNWARE OF ANY US COMMITMENT REGARDING ARMORED CARS OR PAYMENT
FOR MERCENARIES. I DID NOT REVEAL MY KNOWLEDGE OF FACT THAT
FRENCH HAD OFFERED TO FACILITATE RECRUITMENT OF MERCENARIES
IF FUNDING WERE AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE. ALTHOUGH THERE IS LITTLE
DOUBT THAT BOTH ARMORED CARS AND ADDITIONAL MERCENARIES
ARE NEEDED, THEY ARE NOT PROVIDED FOR IN PRESENT PLANS AND
WOULD HAVE TO BE FINANCED FROM OTHER SOURCES. UNQUOTE.

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